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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUAYAQUIL 0179

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CPPT EC PN (WEEDEN, GEORGE RANDALL, JR)

(WEEDEN, ALVIN EDWIN)

REF: GUAYAQUIL 0155 (NOTAL)

SUBJ: PANAMANIAN EXILES: POSSIBLE US CITIZENSHIP

1. GEORGE RANDALL WEEDEN JR. AND HIS BROTHER ALVIN EDWIN
WEEDEN VISITED CONGEN FEB 2. THEY STATE THEY ARE DUAL NATIONALS
OF PANAMA AND U.S. WHO WERE EXILED FROM PANAMA JULY 29.

THEY INCURRED GOP'S IRE BY ATTENDING A RALLY OF QUOTE PRIVATE
ENTREPRENEURS UNQUOTE IN DAVID WHICH PROTESTED ECONOMIC POLICIES
OF TORRIJOS REGIME. ON JAN. 27, FEARING ARREST, THEY TOOK
REFUGE IN VENEZUELAN EMB. PANAMA. TWO DAYS LATER THEY WERE
EXILED TO VENEZUELA. THEY PROCEEDED GUAYAQUIL ON THEIR OWN
IN ORDER JOIN OTHER PANAMANIAN REFUGEES HERE.

2. BOTH WEEDENS CLAIM THEY ARE AMCITS. GEORGE STATES HE HAS
VALID U.S. PPT. WITH HIM IN GUAYAQUIL BUT DID NOT BRING IT TO
CONGEN. ALVIN HAS NEVER HAD U.S. PPT, BUT CLAIMS HE IS REGISTERED
AT AMEMBASSY PANAMA. HE WAS INFORMED BY PHONE FROM FRIENDS
IN PANAMA THAT DOCUMENTS PROVING HIS U.S. CITIZENSHIP WERE BEING
FORWARDED BY AMEMBASSY PANAMA (SIC) TO GUAYAQUIL THROUGH ONE
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VICTOR PALAZZO, A VICE PRESIDENT OF IRVING TRUST CO. THEY BELIEVE

PALAZZO NOW IN GUAYAQUIL, BUT HAVE BEEN UNABLE REACH HIM AT HIS HOTEL.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY CONFIRM THAT ALVIN WEEDEN IS REGISTERED. HE STATES HE IS SON OF GEORGE R WEEDEN SR., AMCIT, WHO STILL RESIDES PANAMA CITY. ALVIN BORN 18 OCT 1946 CANAL ZONE. HE HAS BEEN SELF-EMPLOYED ATTORNEY IN PANAMA CITY.

4. FYI: LIKE OTHER EXILES WEEDENS HOPEFUL THEY WILL BE PERMITTED RETURN PANAMA ON/ABOUT 26 FEB. IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE, THEY WILL PROCEED U.S.
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